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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARMS IMPORTATION

REF: A. STATE 177789

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S LETTER OF AUGUST 1

EQUESTING

INFORMATION ON SOVIET REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF  
FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, ECON/COMM COUNSELOR RECEIVED LETTER  
(INFORMAL TRANSLATION BELOW) AUGUST 20 FROM N.V. ZINOV'YEV,  
CHIEF OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY'S ADMINISTRATION FOR TRADE  
WITH NOUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS. ORIGINAL OF ZINOV'YEV'S  
LETTER WILL BE POUCHED ATTENTION EUR/SOV.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

QTE IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 1, 1975, I  
ADVISE YOU THAT THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE IS INVOLVED  
ONLY IN THE IMPORTATION OF SPORT OR HUNTING FIREARMS AND THE  
RELATED AMMUNITION. REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF THESE  
ITEMS ARE THE SAME AS APPLY IN THE CASE OF ALL OTHER PRODUCTS,  
I.E. AN IMPORT LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR THEIR IMPORTATION.  
SUCH LICENSES ARE ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

AS REGARDS THE QUESTIONS WHICH YOU POSED IN YOUR LETTER, FOR  
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YOUR INFORMATION I CAN INFORM YOU THAT, ACCORDING TO THE DECREE

OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF JULY 28, 1961 (WHICH WAS  
PUBLISHED, INCIDENTALLY, IN THE JOURNAL "FOREIGN TRADE",  
ISSUE NUMBER 9 OF THE SAME YEAR), WEAPONS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES  
ARE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ITEMS WHOSE IMPORTATION INTO THE  
USSR IS FORBIDDEN. UNQTE

3. EMBASSY ASSUEMS THAT ABOVE REPLY SATISFIED REQUIREMENTS  
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